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AUSTIN POLICE DETECTIVE INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORN CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that a federal grand jury in Austin, Texas, returned an indictment against Lance Boyce McConnell of Lockhart, Texas, for receipt, possession and transportation of child pornography.

McConnell is charged with three counts of receipt of child pornography, two counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of transportation of child pornography. Upon conviction, McConnell faces up to ten years in federal prison per possession of child pornography count and not less than five years and not more than twenty years for the receipt and transportation of child pornography counts.

The indictment alleges that in October and December 2004, McConnell knowingly downloaded from the Internet to his home computer numerous images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

"Those who use child pornography hurt the most vulnerable and innocent members of society, our children," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton. "It is a terrible crime that victimizes and re-victimizes kids. It is especially heinous when the alleged perpetrator is a police officer."

This case is being investigated by the Texas Attorney General's Office - Cyber Crimes Unit and prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Grant Sparks.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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